

## State Names Director for New Hospital

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ALBANY—Dr. James A. Brice, associate director of Kings Park (L.I.) State Hospital, will be the director of the new state mental hospital to go into construction in 1968 on Staten Island.

The selection of Brice was announced today by the State Mental Hygiene Commissioner Dr. Alan D. Miller. He said this was the first time a director had been appointed before an institution was built.

Miller said the purpose of designating a director in advance was to enable Dr. Brice to participate in all phases of planning and programming of the hospital.

Dr. Brice, 46, assumed his new title officially today and began drawing the \$22,328 annual salary that goes with the job. He resides in Woodbury, L. I.

The 800-bed institution will be built in the Ocean Breeze area, bounded by Seaview and Mason Aves., Seaside Blvd. and Xenia

St. One unit of the hospital will serve Richmond County. The other will serve two health districts in Brooklyn.

The hospital will be another link in the network of new community-based facilities for the mentally ill and retarded as outlined by Gov. Rockefeller in 1965.

A native of Reading, Pa., Dr. Brice was educated at the New York Medical College. He interned at Queens General Hospital and completed his residency training in psychiatry at Creedmore State Hospital.

He was appointed administrative supervising psychiatrist at Creedmore in 1954 and became assistant director at Bronx State Hospital in 1963. In July 1965, he was named associate director at Kings Park.

Dr. Brice served as a clinical instructor in psychiatry in 1956 at Wagner College's School of Nursing.